

the section of the great genus *Equus* of which Dr. Gray has formed his genus *Asinus*. It is most nearly allied to the Djiggetai (*Equus (Asinus) Hemionus*), but differs from that species in the smaller size and better shape of the head, its shorter ears, and its tail partially covered with long hairs. It thus appears to be intermediate between the Djiggetai and the Horse, for which reason M. Saint-Hilaire proposes to name it *Equus hemippus*. Its colour is the same as that of the Djiggetai, and, like that species, it has a blackish mane and dorsal line. It is supposed to be a native of the deserts of Syria between Palmyra and Bagdad.—*Comptes Rendus*, Dec. 31, 1855, p. 1214.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR MARCH 1856.

Chiswick.—March 1. Cloudy : fine. 2. Cloudy : slight rain. 3, 4. Cloudy and cold. 5. Overcast. 6. Cloudy and cold : fine. 7. Cloudy : fine. 8. Fine : slight rain. 9. Cloudy. 10. Foggy : fine. 11. Foggy : hazy : frosty at night. 12. Clear and frosty : cloudy and windy. 13. Cold and dry. 14. Excessively cold wind : clear, cold and dry. 15. Cloudy. 16. Slight haze : heavy rain at night. 17. Hazy. 18. Hazy : fine rain. 19, 20. Hazy : overcast. 21. Hazy : cloudy. 22. Overcast : fine. 23. Hazy : fine : clear. 24, 25. Hazy and cold. 26. Cloudy and cold. 27. Clear : fine : frosty. 28. Cloudy and cold. 29. Dry cold haze : frosty at night. 30. Slight haze : fine : sharp frost. 31. Slight haze : very fine : frosty.

Mean temperature of the month	38°·95
Mean temperature of March 1855	37·61
Mean temperature of March for the last thirty years	42·09
Average amount of rain in March	1·344 inch.

Boston.—March 1, 2. Cloudy. 3. Cloudy : rain P.M. 4, 5. Cloudy. 6. Cloudy : rain A.M. 7—9. Fine. 10. Cloudy. 11. Cloudy : snow A.M. 12, 13. Cloudy. 14. Fine. 15. Cloudy. 16. Fine. 17. Cloudy : rain A.M. and P.M. 18. Cloudy : rain P.M. 19. Cloudy : rain A.M. 20. Cloudy. 21. Cloudy : rain A.M. and P.M. 22—26. Cloudy. 27. Fine. 28. Cloudy. 29—31. Fine.

Sandwich Manse, Orkney.—March 1. Cloudy A.M. : fine, drizzle P.M. 2. Drizzle A.M. : fine, cloudy P.M. 3. Damp A.M. : fine, clear P.M. 4. Showers, fine A.M. : fine, cloudy P.M. 5. Damp A.M. : fine, aurora P.M. 6. Drops A.M. : fine P.M. 7. Fog A.M. and P.M. 8. Showers A.M. : fine, aurora P.M. 9. Showers A.M. : cloudy P.M. 10. Frost A.M. : clear, frost P.M. 11, 12. Snow-showers A.M. and P.M. 13. Snow, frost A.M. : clear, frost P.M. 14. Clear, frost A.M. : very clear P.M. 15. Bright A.M. : very clear, aurora P.M. 16. Clear A.M. : very clear P.M. 17. Bright A.M. : cloudy P.M. 18. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 19. Bright A.M. : cloudy P.M. 20, 21. Cloudy, fine A.M. and P.M. 22. Bright, fine A.M. : clear, fine P.M. 23, 24. Cloudy A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M. 25. Cloudy A.M. : clear, fine P.M. 26. Bright A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M. 27. Bright A.M. : clear, aurora P.M. 28. Cloudy A.M. : very clear, fine P.M. 29. Clear A.M. : very clear, fine P.M. 30. Cloudy A.M. : very clear, fine, aurora P.M. 31. Bright A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M.

Mean temperature of March for previous twenty-nine years...	40°·40
Mean temperature of this month	40·39
Mean temperature of March 1855	36·61
Average quantity of rain in March for fifteen previous years .	2·60 inches.

This month has been unprecedentedly dry, the rain being only about one-eighth of the average for March, and less than that of any month during my observations, except April 1852, when it was only ·11 of an inch. Rain fell only on eight days.